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Local projects awarded federal funding

> *Ridge Road Park was described in the application process as a key resource in the community.*

Canton Township, Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth will all receive grant money as part of a $1.7 trillion-dollar omnibus spending package approved by the House of Representatives.

The omnibus spending package will fund the federal government through fiscal year 2023 and includes $16.4 million for 15 community funding projects and $25 million for Rep. Haley Stevens' CHIPPING IN Act, to help train the advanced semiconductor workforce of the future, according to a statement from Stevens' office

The package also includes a significant increase in non-defense discretionary funding and will go toward supporting critical social programs that invest in American families, workers, and communities, Stevens' said. Included in this bill is a $21 billion dollar increase in veterans' health care which will help to implement the PACT Act for veterans suffering from Agent Orange exposure. It will also ensure coverage for the 40 million American children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP and create a nationwide free meal program so that children can get healthy, nutritious meals throughout the summer, she said.

"I am thrilled that after months of negotiations, Republicans and Democrats have passed a year-long spending bill instead of a continuing resolution. This has huge impacts for our veterans', children, and districts like mine that will benefit from major federal investments through community funding projects," said Stevens' who represents the 11th House District.

"Additionally, my bill, the CHIPPING IN Act, a workforce development bill to help strengthen domestic semiconductor manufacturing will be fully funded. So many of the provisions that I fought for in the CHIPS and Science Act will now be funded at record levels with the passage of this omnibus bill. Funding these programs will help keep America competitive on the global stage and strengthen our domestic manufacturing capabilities."

Among the local beneficiaries of Stevens" funding projects is the Canton Ridge Road Park Phase 1 Design and Engineering Project.

The township had requested $1 million for the project which will include an adaptive and universally designed play-

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Sounds of the season

As has become a holiday tradition, last week members of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park choir and orchestra traveled to the Plymouth Community Center to present an annual Christmas concert during the meeting of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club. More than 70 young vocalists and musicians filled the space with traditional holiday music. The choir was under the direction of Jennifer Neumann. The young musicians were directed by Plymouth Educational Park Band Director Michael Edwards. Photos by Helen Yancy.

Skatepark to be built in Northville Township

A new skatepark in Northville Township will include a memorial to 21-year-old Dominic Duhn, the Michigan State student killed while skateboarding on Sheldon Road in 2020.

The new $600,000 amenity planned for Millennium Park is expected to be complete in 2023, officials said and will be named Unity Skatepark. The death of Duhn, killed by a hit and run driver Sept. 3, 2020, prompted a grass roots effort to provide a skate park in the community. The project is a partnership with the Dominic Duhn Foundation, Inc., which will provide donations toward the design and construction of the project to be designed and constructed by Select Spohn Ranch Inc.

"We are taking strategic steps to make Northville Township a truly unique community," said Township Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "We have a dog agility course at Marv Gans Community Park. We're adding some biking, hiking and nature trails to the 332-acre Legacy Park, and next year, you'll be able to enjoy Unity Skatepark. What an exciting time to be a Northville Township resident."

Spohn Ranch was one of two companies to bid on the skatepark project. The firm has constructed nine parks in the state of Michigan, including those in Garden City and Milford. Two others are in the process of completion, officials said.

Public input regarding the design and features will be sought on a Facebook site and during a planned in-person meeting.

When complete, Northville Parks and Recreation, a shared service of both the Township and the City of Northville, will oversee the skatepark and be responsible for maintenance.

Depending on the design, the size of the skatepark may be about 10,000 square feet, officials said.

Northville Township has committed $150,000 to the park,

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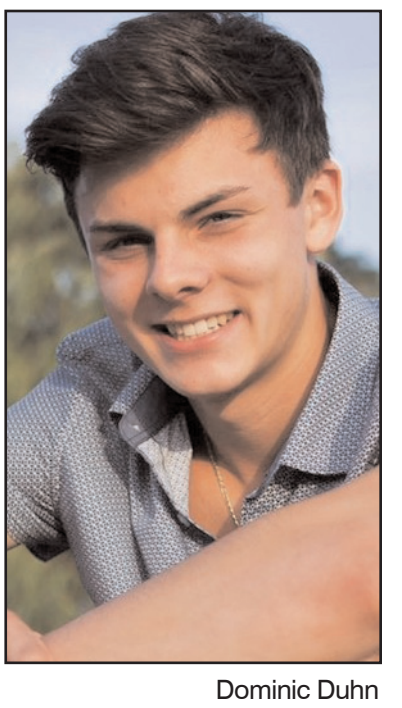

Dominic Duhn

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A 9-year-old student was arrested by police and taken to the Westland Police Department accused of stabbing a 10-year-old classmate while waiting at the school bus stop.

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Belleville - Romulus

Beleaguered head coach resigns from district

> *Crowell was found to have violated the undue influence rule of the state association.*

Members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the resignation of Belleville High School head football coach Jermain Crowell during their Dec. 5 meeting.

His resignation, effective Dec. 1, follows weeks of controversy and allegations of improper recruiting techniques by Crowell who led the team to multiple state championships. Crowell was barred from coaching any sport at any school for the next two academic years by the Michigan High School Athletic Association following an investigation of the allegations. Crowell was found to have violated the undue influence rule of the state association. Some reports claimed he was fired from the school district.

The investigation was triggered by a statement from a student at another school who claimed that Crowell contacted him before he entered ninth grade and that Crowell drove him to summer practice sessions and competitions. Additionally, investigators claimed that Crowell previously had two Belleville senior players living with him in his home, a major violation of state high school athletic rules.

Crowell had been coaching at Belleville for eight years and led the team to the state playoffs every year, a record which prompted questions from other high school coaches regarding his ability to amass teams of superior players at the school of choice high school.

School officials said they would be accepting applications as they looked for a new coach for the state championship team.

Jermain Crowell

Sumpter plans public hearing on recreation project

> *The public will be asked for opinions and suggestions regarding the planned improvements.*

Members of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Committee have scheduled a public hearing regarding the master plan for recreation. The meeting is set for 6 p.m. Jan. 24 and will be part of a regular workshop session of the board of trustees.

Input on the plans for renovation and redesign of Banotai Park and Sherwood Pond in the township will be discussed. A current plan, now being designed by Wayde Hoppe, could include amenities previously discussed by members of the board including new parking, public pathways, multiple features and a total reconstruction of the pond.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick referred to the plan as a complete reclamation of the 81.82-acre site in the township during recent discussions of potential improvements. The plan, as described, would include the complete redredging of the pond with improved amenities for public fishing. Township Supervisor Tim Bowman has been a strong supporter of recreation improvements and a redesign of the park, formerly known as Sherwood Park, which is located on the northwest corner of Sherwood Road and Wear Road.

The property was named after former Township Supervisor John Sherwood who led the township from 1932 until 1942.

The $28,000 expense for a preliminary design for the property was approved by members of the board of trustees, although trustees Don LaPorte and Matt Oddy had questions regarding the proposal. LaPorte suggested the township could better invest funding in a new township hall which he described as "needed" and inquired if the board might be "putting the cart before the horse" in moving ahead with the design plan. He said any plan submitted should include projected costs for each phase of any improvements. Hoppe agreed to include costs with the design proposal.

The public will be asked for opinions and suggestions regarding the planned improvements and a draft copy of the plan is available for review at the township offices, 23480 Sumpter Road in Belleville, the Sumpter Township Senior Center at 23501 Sumpter Road in Belleville and online at www.sumptertwop.org.

Questions regarding the plan or the meeting can be directed to Burdick at (734) 461-6201.

CodeRED

Romulus residents can now register for emergency notification system

Romulus residents now have another way to communicate with city departments.

The Department of Public Works provides notification of snow emergencies through local news outlets, Facebook, the city cable channel, on the city website and as part of the CodeRED emergency notification system. Residents can be notified by email or text by signing up for the alert system.

Officials noted that during a severe snow event like the one forecast for last week, employees from the Department of Public Works focus on clearing main roads and main access streets into local subdivisions. Once the main roads and access streets are cleared, DPW efforts will move into secondary streets within local subdivisions should accumulation reach 3 inches or more, or as conditions require.

In the likelihood of a snow emergency being declared, DPW officials have requested that residents remove all vehicles from the street to allow plow truck drivers to do their jobs and allow access for emergency vehicles efficiently and safely. Vehicles that are left in the street during a declared snow emergency may be subject to tickets and even be towed from the location.

Officials urged residents to allow for ample time for DPW crews to catch up and clear subdivisions. Once the snow emergency is lifted, vehicles can park onto streets. Until that time residents must find alternate locations for parking as a safety measure.

Romulus officials will notify the public immediately through local news outlets, Facebook, cable channel, website and CodeRED emergency notification system if and when a snow emergency is in effect. To sign up for CodeRED, complete the form at this link: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/2EF236C329EE.

Best friends

Staff members at the Romulus Animal Shelter accept a holiday donation of animal food and supplies from the employees at the Amazon facility in the city. This is another in a series of donations the employees have made to the shelter, employees said, and they, along with the dogs and cats awaiting adoption at the shelter, are very grateful.

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
January 18, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023** for the purpose of considering the following:

1. **TA-2022-002;** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Article 7, Business Districts and Article 8, **Industrial Districts** to include overlay standards for the Southern Gateway.
2. **TA-2022-003;** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Article 9, Airport District.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. A copy of the proposed requests are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Department of Public Services, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or planning@romulusgov.com.

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NORTHVILLE

Grants: Several community projects awarded federal funding

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ground and surfacing, a sledding hill and warming hut, an environmental and education nature center, a pond with fishing pier, a woodland preserve area, an extensive trail system, native plantings, and stream restoration.

Ridge Road Park was described in the application process as a key resource in the community.

The repair of Northville Randolph Drain Serenity Point and Riverbank Stabilization Project was granted a $560,000 to repair a pair of deteriorated drainage structures that serve the cities of Northville and Novi.

The drains are severely undermined and have contributed to eroding the banks of the river and endangering the stability of Hutton Street, according to the application. In addition to stabilizing the drainage structures and river embankments, the Ford Field Master Plan calls for the development of a scenic viewing area in this location, overlooking the spillway of the Upper Mill Pond built by Henry Ford for the Ford Valve Plant, one of his first Village Industry Plants in the 1920s.

The stabilization of the drains and river embankments will address a safety hazard and an eyesore and will create a serene viewing point, benefiting the many visitors who are attracted to this popular, regional destination, the application noted.

The Plymouth/Northville/ Northville Township Mental Health Police Response Project was also granted the requested $135,359 for which project officials applied.

Funding will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this is a multi-jurisdictional project serving three communities, the application stated.

The funding will be utilized for sustainability and capacity building for two embedded behavioral health clinicians within the Northville Township, Northville and Plymouth police departments and Northville Youth Network to respond with police officers and assist people of all ages in mental health crises, as part of the project.

> *The Plymouth/Northville/ Northville Township Mental Health Police Response Project was also granted the requested $135,359.*

The behavioral health clinicians will be licensed, master's level professionals and will provide crisis intervention and stabilization, mental health and substance abuse assessment, coordination, and referral to treatment as well as community outreach.

In addition to immediate Mobile Crisis Co-Response, the clinicians will also have the capacity to provide immediate telehealth services to support officers in the field, when co-response is not feasible due to safety or geographical issues. Through the Northville Youth Network, the clinicians will be available to provide prevention and behavioral health support to children, adolescents and their families who have been referred to the juvenile diversion program by the police departments, according to the application for funding.

In addition, Schoolcraft College was granted $1,025,000 for the Manufacturing & Engineering Center Project Industry 4.0 Training program.

The application stated that the Schoolcraft College Industry 4.0 Training Initiative is imperative to keep the state competitive. As manufacturing plants, warehouses and supply chains become more fully automated, the technologies driving these changes increase the need for employees to be technically adept.

In data-rich industries of sensors, scanners, information and data, advancements have reduced downtime while increasing quality and productivity. The Schoolcraft College Industry 4.0 initiative will skill and upskill workers in transformative technology occupations by providing training and credentialed programs in such areas as mechatronics technicians, industrial engineering technicians, robotics technicians, and supply chain management production and logistics technicians, according to the application.

The Schoolcraft College proposal to add higher-level certifications through training on updated and technologically advanced equipment will lead to a critically needed right skilled and more robust labor force, applicants stated.

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along with $83,327 received from the Wayne County Parks millage allocation. The City of Northville has committed $8,123 from the Wayne County Parks millage allocation. The balance of $359,000 was provided through various supporters and fundraisers hosted by the Duhn family and a 501c3 Foundation.

"Dominic's story touched a lot of people," Northville Parks and Recreation Director Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "His family and friends came together to heal, and this project came about as a wonderful way to honor him while giving the community a tremendous gift."

Groundbreaking will be in the spring of 2023 with an expected completion by late summertime, officials projected.

"This project started off to honor our son, Dominic, and then quickly expanded into helping our youth with all the positive benefits skateboarding offers," said Gabriella Duhn, Dominic's mother and champion of this project. "The outpouring of endorsements and financial support from the community and beyond to make this project a reality is so greatly appreciated and will forever be remembered."

"It only makes sense to name it Unity Skatepark, as it took so many to come together for the greater good of others," she added. "I am so grateful that Mark Abbo, the Township Board of Trustees and I are working as a united team to make this skatepark a unique amenity for all ages to enjoy. Now my vision for Unity Skatepark is to be a place where all are welcome with no judgment to come skate, hang out, laugh and make good memories, which is exactly how Dominic lived his life."

Gustavo Godinez, 21, of Westland was sentenced to 2-5 years in prison for leaving the accident that killed Duhn. The prison time was part of a sentencing agreement that Third Circuit Judge Catherine Heise imposed during the Nov. 16, 2021 sentencing hearing. Godinez pleaded no contest months ago to failing to stop at the scene of a serious personal injury accident. He was arrested after police matched paint chips left at the scene of the incident to his vehicle during their month-long investigation.

'Drill' draws police response

The reports of an active threat at Hawthorn Center in Northville last week posed no danger to anyone in the community or at the center.

The report was part of an unannounced safety drill at the facility but local law enforcement officials were not notified in advance of the drill which was conducted to practice intruder response protocols at the center. Officers from Northville Township, the City of Northville, Livonia and troopers from the Michigan State Police responded to multiple 911 calls from the facility on Haggerty Road, reporting an active threat incident.

Callers told police that an announcement broadcast inside the facility stated that two men had entered the building armed with assault rifles. Law enforcement responded immediately to the threat only to discover that a practice drill was under way.

Police stressed that there was no danger during the drill and said that the incident was referred to the Michigan State Police for further investigation and follow up.

"The Northville Township Police Department would like to thank the City of Northville Police Department, Livonia Police Department and Michigan State Police for their assistance in responding to this incident," police officials noted in a prepared statement regarding the incident.

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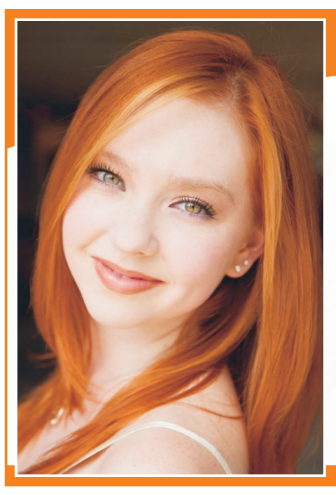
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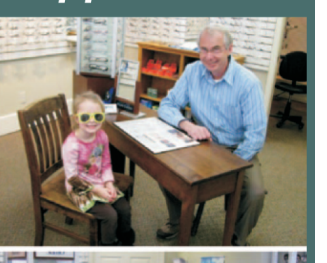

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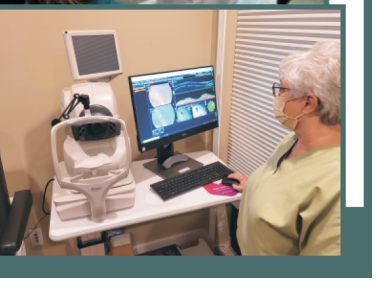
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Merry Christmas

Supporter funds special holiday party, gifts for B.L.O.C.K. youth and teens

Christmas came a little early for participants of The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center Canton Connects Youth and Teen program this year.

The teens were treated to a holiday celebration, where each member received a gift donated by Maraschinos Pub of Canton earlier this month. During the celebration participants also enjoyed pizza, provided by an anonymous donor, while listening to music supplied by RC DJ and Video Productions.

To help make all of the Canton Connects participants' holiday even sweeter, Maraschinos Pub gave Beats® wireless headphones to the teens and Squishmallows® plush toys to the elementary age attendees. Maraschinos Pub supports numerous Canton Leisure Services programs throughout the year in addition to the Canton Connects program, including Hot Meal Mondays, The B.L.O.C.K.'s Afterschool program, and more, according to Chelsea Straub, Canton recreation specialist.

"This holiday celebration was an enormous success thanks to the big-heartedness of the generous donors who helped make this event happen," Straub said. "The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center is grateful for the generous support we've received from Maraschinos Pub throughout the year, but especially now since these latest donations enabled every student in the Canton Connects program to receive these gifts to help brighten their holiday season."

The Canton Connects programs are free afterschool programs for qualifying children ages 5-17 within the Canton community. Throughout the year, Canton Youth Connection participants meet for activities, crafts, and field trips, administrators said. In addition, some individuals also participate in free swim lessons at the Summit on the Park.

Canton Teen Connection meets at The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from October through June for art classes, cooking classes, tutoring, and more. All Canton Connects participants are provided with enrichment programming that teaches the importance of lifelong fitness and healthy lifestyles, as well as guidance on how to work with others and the ability to work out conflicts, and more, organizers added.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton, MI, provides a teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised afterschool programs, social events, and activities. For more information about Canton Youth Connection or The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org/146 or call (734) 398-5570.

Canton Connects participants received Beats® wireless headphones and Squishmallows® plush toys donated Maraschinos Pub during an early holiday celebration this month.

Happy shoppers

Members of the Canton Township Fire Department teamed up with Meijer again this year to host the annual Shop with a Firefighter event. This annual event is a tradition that brings holiday happiness to families throughout the township as youngsters shop for holiday gifts for family members, all funded by donations. The event, a spokesman said, "has become fulfilling and rewarding for the firefighters as it brings joy and smiles to the faces of all of those involved." The donation drive and shopping trip is organized by the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation.

Free workshops are offered

Canton Township Leisure Services is currently offering a free series of mental health workshops to help area residents learn important self-care skills. Participants in the Family First and Social Services Workshops will receive information and be introduced to practices that support mental well-being, according to Laura Mortier, Canton recreation supervisor.

> *All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park.*

"Our goal with these free workshops is to offer resources, as well as educational opportunities, so that individuals can find tools of support for themselves or ways to help support others," said Mortier. "These unique opportunities are designed to show and help participants learn how to nurture themselves and develop mindful self-care plans on a variety of topics."

These workshops are free and open to everyone meeting the age limit, with no residency requirement. All sessions will take place at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Scheduled workshops include: Suicide TALK: Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Ages 16 and up); QPR Training for Suicide Prevention: Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. (Ages 16 and up) and Understanding and Supporting Change: Monday, Feb. 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For additional information and to register for these and other free workshops, visit www.cantonfun.org/register or call (734) 394-5460.

PLYMOUTH - WAYNE

Township welcomes latest Amazon Fresh market

Shopping for groceries will be a futuristic experience at the planned Amazon Fresh grocery store in Plymouth Township.

Last week, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise confirmed that the new retail store under construction at the corner of Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads will be an Amazon Fresh market. While the new technology may not appeal to everyone, the 40 Amazon Fresh locations in the country are flourishing. To shop at Amazon Fresh, patrons will need the Amazon app on a phone. Those seeking traditional grocery shopping can use a cart and check out with a cashier using cash or credit. For those seeking a more futuristic approach, the store provides Dash Carts and shoppers use the QR code on the Amazon app. Sensors track items placed in or removed from the cart which also has a built-in scale and screen so shoppers can review purchases. When shopping is complete, patrons simply exit through the Amazon Dash Cart Lane and the card linked to shopper's Amazon account is charged. Receipts are emailed to customers.

> *Even more independent shopping is provided with the Just Walk Out technology.*

Even more independent shopping is provided with the Just Walk Out technology, the main objective of Amazon Fresh stores for seamless shopping. Shoppers enter the store by scanning a QR code on the Amazon App using their phone, connected to an Amazon account or credit card which allows shoppers to skip the checkout line completely.

According to the Amazon Fresh website, the stores offer sales, order ahead for pickup service and other items in addition to groceries.

Another Amazon Fresh is reportedly opening in Dearborn at the same time as the Plymouth Township location is operational. There are several other locations planned in Michigan, according to business reports.

Heise said that he and other township officials approved the plans for the new market which is located near the new $90 million Henry Ford Hospital facility on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty.

"We are hoping that Amazon Fresh is going to tap into this professional and affluent clientele that are going to be working and living in the Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty corridor," Heise said.

The construction is under way next to the LA Fitness which anchors the shopping area.

Plymouth District Library awarded prestigious honor

The Plymouth District Library has joined an elite state group.

The Main Street facility in downtown Plymouth has been named a Star Library in the 15th Edition of Library Journal Index of Public Library Service. The Index rates U.S. public libraries based on selected per capita output measures, officials noted. The 2022 scores and ratings are based on fiscal year 20 data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey. For 2022-based on 2020 data-5,359 public libraries received LJ Index scores, and 258 of them received Stars.

Only 20 Michigan libraries have ever received Star designations in the index and Plymouth District Library is one of only 12 libraries in Michigan to make the list for 2022.

"In the world of libraries, Star designation from Library Journal is an important marker that demonstrates the value that our community places on public library service," said Shauna Anderson, library director. "Timing for this news is especially exciting as the library enters its 100th year serving the Plymouth community."

View the 2022 Index of Public Library Service list of Star libraries for 2022 at https://www.libraryjournal.com/page/star-libraries-2022.

Young Santa

Students at Taft Galloway Elementary School in Wayne had their very own Santa this year when second-grade student Derrick Howard adopted every one of his schoolmates for the holiday. To ensure all of his peers received a gift for the holidays, Howard and his mother collected donations, shopped, selected and sorted the gifts and presented each student with an early Christmas present.

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Inkster accepting recreation plan comments

City of Inkster officials want to hear what residents of the community would like to see as recreational opportunities.

Officials are currently compiling data for preparation of the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and have scheduled a public review period which will continue through Dec. 30.

The required 30-day public review and comment period began Dec. 1. Inkster officials are preparing the Five-Year Recreation Plan in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements. When completed, this plan will serve as a guide for the development of community recreation facilities and programs during the next five years, officials said.

Copies of the draft Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan are available for review during normal business hours at City Hall, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster. The draft plan may also be accessed at www.cityofinkster.com.

Inkster residents and stakeholders are asked to submit their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Planning Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Persons may also e-mail comments to Brigitte Smith, planner at bsmith@mcka.com. Comments will be received through noon, Monday, Jan. 2. Responders should reference "Parks and Recreation Master Plan" in all correspondence.

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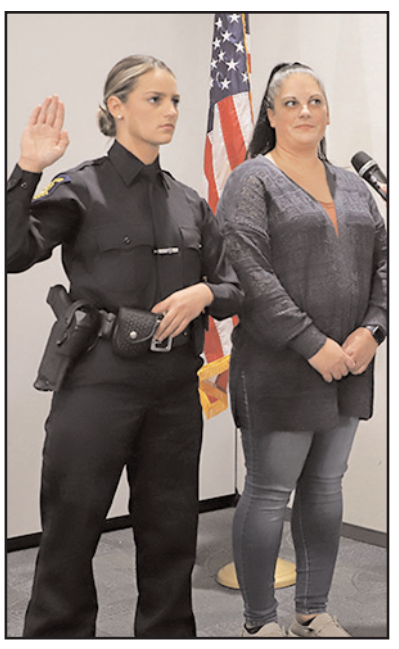
On the move

Westland police officers Derek Gomez and Kevin Smith were each sworn into their new ranks as sergeants with the department during ceremonies last week. The department also welcomed two new officers, Kailey Knoppe and Summer Dyer. The department also officially recognized retiring Sgt. Erick Rodriguez and Sgt. Tim Liess for their years of exemplary and dedicated service to the community. "We welcome and thank these officers for serving our community and joining the Westland Police Department, which has nearly 56 years of tradition and a proud history that has had over 300 different men and women that have taken the oath to serve and protect our community," officials said during the celebration.



9-year-old arrested in classmate stabbing

Parents in Westland received a letter from administrators in the Wayne Westland Community Schools District last week advising them of a knife attack at a school bus stop the morning of Dec. 22.

The two students involved were 9 and 10 years old, according to police reports of the incident.

The 9-year-old was arrested by police and taken to the Westland Police Department, according to reports. The 10-year-old was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of head and knee injuries inflicted by a pocketknife.

The altercation took place as the two students at Schweitzer Elementary School were waiting for the bus to transport them to their fourth-grade classes.

Police said the parents of the 9-year-old were interviewed along with the student at the police station. The findings of the police investigation will be submitted to the office of the Wayne County Juvenile Division, officers said.

Neither school officials nor police released any further information regarding the incident.

"The safety of students and staff is our first priority and we are committed to the safety and education of all our students," district officials said in a letter to parents regarding the incident.